

Osakis Economic Development Authority
Meeting Minutes - Osakis City Hall
August 26, 2019 4:00 PM

Present: John Peterka, Justin Dahlheimer, Keith Emerson, Bonnie Schultz

Absent: Bruce Pederson, Dave Zerr, Ryan Peterson

Others Present: Angela Jacobson, Candy Bruder, Bryan Danielson, Tonya Danielson, Chris Drown, Nicole Ferholz

Meeting called to order by John Peterka at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Emerson, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Store Front (Bryan & Tonya Danielson) and I-94 Sign. All Ayes Absent: Pederson, Zerr, Peterson

Motion by Schultz seconded by Dahlheimer, to approve the general consent items, minutes, bills and treasurers report. Jacobson noted we received money from the OEDC Disbursement of \$5,000 that does not show on the treasurers report. All Ayes Absent: Pederson, Zerr, Peterson

Store Front Renovation: Bryan and Tonya Danielson were in attendance and presented a drawing and cost for the design and electrical for the Bowling Barn & Grill. The estimated cost is \$7,000.

The handicap accessible may be included if it is part of the Store Front.

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Emerson, to approve the Store Front Renovation Application for Bryan and Tonya Danielson for the Bowling Barn & Grill in the amount of \$3,500. All Ayes Absent: Pederson, Zerr, Peterson

Hospitality Marketers/Hotel

EDA members received a draft copy but is not for public information. A draft copy was given to Chris Drown. The information will not be published at this point. Will wait to pay the bill in September.

The EDA will read the information and discuss at the September meeting.

EDA Funding Requests:

EDA reviewed the requests from June.

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Schultz, to approve the disbursement of \$1,000 to Moonshine Madness. All Ayes Absent: Pederson, Zerr, Peterson

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Schultz to approve the disbursement of \$500 to Central Lakes Cruzers. All Ayes Absent: Pederson, Zerr, Peterson

The Senior Club meal request will need to fill out a form and turn back in by the September 6th, 2019 deadline.

EDA Housing Requests: EDA reviewed a request from Alan Imdieke. The application was just turned in and EDA will discuss this at the September meeting.

VFW: Received \$300 for Osakis Lake Association for stocking walleyes.

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Peterka, to approve \$300 for Osakis Lake Association for stocking walleyes. All Ayes Absent: Pederson, Zerr, Peterson

Nicole Fernholz – AAEDC: Fernholz explained the organization and program. The nonprofit organization began in 1990 for economic, leadership and job growth.

Fernholz explained DEED – Jobs created and capital investment made by businesses. The state is paying them over \$200,000 for the program and following these goals.

Douglas County, West Central Initiative and AAEDC use the funds for projects.

Employers find it hard to find good employees because of wages and daycare available in the area. The workforce development is getting people working.

There are childcare issues in Douglas County. There are approximately 105 spots short in Osakis for daycare uses.

Survey shows that people did not take jobs, or worked for lesser wage, or turned down jobs because they couldn't find adequate daycare.

Fernholz discussed projected growth population for 55 and older. We need to look to 25 to 50 year olds to move to the area to fill jobs.

The cost to live in Douglas County is less than state average at \$47,000. The state average is \$54,000.

Growing jobs in our area include:

- Occupation – Healthcare growth
- Machinist
- CNC Machinist
- Home occupations – need Broad Band Internet to allow access. Working on a program for the western part of the county.

Partner together – form a strategy together to help, listen, attend meetings, communicate and be involved.

Fernholz is looking to Dahlheimer to participate. There is growth in Osakis and Alexandria.

Dahlheimer stated that work on improving the downtown and major employers expand in the area:

- Progressive community looking for arrangement
- Community wide plan in 2020
- Demographics

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Emerson, to appoint Dahlheimer as the representative for Osakis and to attend the AAEDC meetings. All Ayes Absent: Pederson, Zerr, Peterson

2020 Budget: Jacobson reviewed the 2020 Budget. The only change was no need to fund AAEDC in 2020. The budget is already set.

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Emerson to approve \$3,926 from the 525 Fund to pay for some Housing Grants. All Ayes Absent: Pederson, Zerr, Peterson

The EDA Board was ok with the 2020 Budget per discussion. Council will review final budget

EDA reviewed West Central Initiative financial statement from January to June 2019:

- Interest \$666.58
- Expense \$11,774.68
- Loan Loss \$38,734.22
- Loan Left \$7,121.42
- Fund Balance \$53,555.77

I-94 Sign: EDA discussed new wrap for the I-94 sign.

Motion by Emerson, seconded by Schultz, to approve a new wrap for the I-94 sign from Affordable Signs for a cost of \$2,817.62. All Ayes Absent: Pederson, Zerr, Peterson

Motion by Dahlheimer, seconded by Pederson to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. All Ayes Absent: Pederson, Zerr, Peterson

Next meeting will be held September 23rd, 2019.

Angela A. Jacobson – City Clerk/ Treasurer